

30 die in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 20, (R). — Thirty people were murdered and their bodies dumped in a village west of here today, the Argentine Interior Ministry said. Informed sources said the bodies were dumped in a "guerrilla cemetery" after the biggest single massacre in the present political violence in Argentina.

They said the bodies of 21 men and nine women were found in the village of Fatima, 60 km from here. [See related story on page 6].

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Ford, Carter to debate on TV

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 20 (Agencies). — Gerald Ford, accepting his party's nomination at the Republican national convention here, yesterday launched the opening salvos of what is certain to be a bitterly contested presidential race between him and Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter.

In an acceptance speech that critics have already labeled the finest oration of his political career, Mr. Ford tackled the opposition head-on, blaming the Democrats for all of America's domestic ills and shrugging off their criticism of his foreign policies.

Referring to criticism of Washington gigantism and the federal bureaucracy — a principal issue according to Mr. Carter — Mr. Ford recalled that Congress has been dominated by the Democrats for 40 of the past 44 years.

Departing from his prepared text, Mr. Ford announced that he was willing to debate the issues with Mr. Carter on television, a tactic that has not been employed in a presidential race since Republican Richard Nixon faced off against Democrat John F. Kennedy in 1960, destroying the Republican's chances of being elected, according to some pundits.

Public opinion polls put the president as much as 27 percentage points behind the slow-speaking, ever-smiling Democrat in the race for election on November 2.

Mr. Ford, who has the reputation of a generally uninspiring speaker with little turn of wit, needs a dramatic gesture to try to catch up with Mr. Carter.

But he brought Republicans to their feet here last night.

"This year we have the issues on our side and we are ready to



THAT'S THE TICKET — President Ford and Senator Robert Dole join hands with their wives Betty and Elizabeth on the podium of the Republican Party convention Thursday night in Kansas City as balloons rise up in front. (AP wirephoto).

debate face to face," the president declared to a great burst of applause as he formally accepted the nomination.

In a statement issued at Plains, Georgia, Mr. Carter said: "In the interests of the voters I believe the candidates have an obligation to meet in debate."

The former Georgia governor also indicated belief that he would not suffer in the south after Mr. Ford's choice of Senator Robert Dole, a moderate conservative from the mid-west state of Kansas, as his vice-presidential candidate.

"I think Mr. Ford sees that I have good strength there," Mr. Carter said.

Mr. Ford, in what political writers described as a rare display of hard-hitting oratory, told cheering delegates at the final convention session that he would fight all the way, including in the south.

"We will wage a winning campaign in every region of this country — from the snowy banks of

Minnesota to the sandy plains of Georgia," he said.

In the acceptance speech, Mr. Ford presented a glowing picture of his accomplishments in the White House since taking over from Richard Nixon two years ago.

"Our ties with Western Europe and Japan, economic as well as military, have never been stronger," he told the convention.

"Our relations with Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and mainland China are firm, vigilant and forward-looking," he continued.

"Policies I have initiated offer sound progress for the peoples of the Pacific, Africa and Latin America."

Summing up, the president exclaimed enthusiastically: "The United States is again the confident leader of the free world."

Mr. Ford made clear in his speech that he will attack the Democratic-controlled Congress for what he regards as extravagant legislation costing the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Mr. Carter has proposed a com-

pulsory national health insurance programme and more government jobs if necessary to keep down unemployment — obvious points for the debates.

In laying down his challenge, Mr. Ford went against an old political rule that the president should not have to defend his policies against an opponent freed of the restraints of power.

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Anti-racist sanctions, economic programme top non-aligned call for action

COLOMBO, Aug. 20, (R). — Leaders of 85 non-aligned countries left today for home after their four-day conference here armed with demands for an oil embargo against Israel and France and total isolation of South Africa from the world community. The gathering of heads of state and government for the Fifth Summit meeting, of Non-Aligned States also adopted a plan for economic development among Third World countries.

But the resolution on South Africa was tougher than expected and coupled with it was the call for an embargo on oil exports to France and Israel.

Member states, which include all the Middle East oil-producers except Iran, were asked to stop providing the two countries with oil because they had "persistently violated" United Nations' resolutions against supplying arms to South Africa.

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Venezuela, another major oil producer attended the meeting with observer status.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues said the embargo threat was "without any justification." He said France had stopped selling South Africa arms which anyway were only for external defence, and the supply of nuclear reactors was subject to the strictest international control and had no military potential.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli government, which has sold South Africa missile-equipped corvettes.

The complete political declaration was not available 18 hours after the conference ended and officials said it would not be ready until Saturday.

Sources said it was held up by differences which had continued right up to the end of the meeting.

Resolutions on the Middle East stopped short of demanding that Israel be deprived of U.N. membership, but said this possibility should be left open "should the need arise."

Non-aligned countries were also asked to take joint action at the United Nations to ensure full compensation to the Arabs and the Palestinians for adverse econom-

ic effects of various actions by Israel.

This was contained in a resolution issued by the conference, calling on the membership of the non-aligned movement to take joint action at the U.N. "in order to ensure that the Arab states and peoples, particularly the Palestine people, be fully compensated for the adverse economic effects of the repeated Israeli aggression and continued occupation and exploitation of Arab population and territories."

The conference said the Palestine issue was the essence of the conflict with Israel and demanded that all non-aligned states which had not done so should sever diplomatic, economic and other relations with the Jewish state.

The conference was unanimous

Israel fears oil embargo issue might resurface at U.N.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20, (R). — Israel was believed today to be consulting friendly governments on how to thwart any move to cut off its oil supplies. The Israelis withheld official comment on a call by non-aligned nations yesterday for an oil embargo against Israel and France for supplying arms to South Africa.

Officials here believe the non-aligned nations will take their demand for an oil embargo to the United Nations General Assembly next month.

Though Israel is almost completely dependent on outside sources for its oil after handing the Sinai fields back to Egypt this year, there are doubts whether even a U.N.-backed oil embargo could be effective.

The United States undertook to supply Israel in peace and war with the equivalent of the Abu Rudeis supplies, which eventually covered half of the country's needs after being seized from Egypt in 1967.

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Greece ready to talk to Turkey

ATHENS, Aug. 20, (R). — Greece is ready to talk with Turkey at any level in order to reach territorial disputes, Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis said here today.

But at the same time he warned that Turkey's "threats" would be answered in kind.

Greek armed forces were still at a state of advanced preparedness today as two of its warships and an oceanographic vessel shadowed the Turkish exploration ship Sisimik I which is exploring for oil in the disputed area of the Aegean south of Greek island of Chios.

Political moves to halt Lebanese violence at an impasse

BEIRUT, Aug. 20, (R). — Both sectors of divided Beirut were battered by indiscriminate shelling today and political contacts aimed at ending the violence appeared to have reached a stalemate. In the mountainous areas 30 kilometres east of here, both reported exchanges of shelling last night, though neither seemed ready to embark on a major new offensive. The rightist-held district of Ashrafiyeh in east Beirut came under intensive shelling today from the western sector and from leftist positions in the mountains round Aley, the right-wing Phalangist radio said.

The radio said the shelling, aimed at terrorising the people, had killed seven and wounded a large number. "The retaliation was similar and even stronger," it added. A number of vehicles were seen carrying wounded to hospitals in the western sector.

One local newspaper estimated today that altogether about 1,000 shells and mortar rounds had crashed down on the city in each of the last two days.

One of the casualties of rightist shelling yesterday was Italian Consul Pierre Cordoni, who was one of several people wounded when a shell struck the Italian college in west Beirut.

Rightwing shelling also killed a Lebanese messenger working for the British embassy here, British diplomats said. His death came shortly after the British Foreign Office appealed to both sides to

stop shelling residential areas of Beirut.

Phalangist Radio also reported that attempts by leftists and Palestinians to infiltrate the centre of the old city in the direction of Saifi, where the Phalangist headquarters is located, had been thrown back.

Palestinian sources said heavy shelling was being exchanged between the leftist-held town of Aley, south-east of here, and the nearby rightist town of Kakhale.

The lack of decisive action on the various military fronts matched the stalemate into which political contacts aimed at ending the fighting seem to have fallen.

Interior Minister Camille Chamoun said in a statement that he was prepared to attend an Arab summit on Lebanon provided it was held in a capital which had not shown hostility "towards the Lebanese people."

Mr. Chamoun, leader of the rightist National Liberal Party (NLP) ruled out Cairo as a possible site for the summit, and suggested Ri-

bat as acceptable venue.

Kuwait formally proposed holding of an Arab summit to discuss the Lebanese crisis, this week and according to Beirut Radio, seven other Arab states have so far agreed to attend.

The rightists in the city have generally shown more sympathy for the Syrian initiative than for the Arab League peace-making effort, in which military commander and official envoy are both Egyptian.

Leftist leader Kamal J. said today the rightwing planning to set up a Ma Christian state.

The rightists have frequently denied leftwing charges that plan to divide Lebanon partly along religious lines as a prelude to the war here.

But attacks by the mainly Christian right and the largely Muslim left on "hostile" enclaves, their territory and the consequent flight of refugees to the other side have led to de facto partition along religious lines.

Several political leaders publicly admitted that a state partition exists, and have called for "re-unification" of the country as an important goal.

Mr. Junblatt, speaking at a meeting with the command of the Arab League force, said he had proposed an increase in force from 2,500 to 15,000, and asked for Egypt and Iraq to be represented in it.

The Arab League envoy, San Sabri Al Kholi, returned here today. [Continued on page 6]

Seoul would retaliate against new provocation

SEOUL, August 20, (R). — South Korean President Chung Hee said today his country would retaliate immediately if North Korean forces "dare commit an illegal provocation again."

The president was commenting on Wednesday's incident in the demilitarised zone between North and South Korea in which two U.S. officers were killed and nine South Koreans and Americans injured.

"We need a club to deal with a mad dog," the president said in an address prepared for graduating officers at a junior military academy here.

"Should they (North Korea) dare commit an illegal provocation again, large or small, an immediate punitive action will be taken and they will have to bear all responsibility for such a development," he said.

"There is a limit to our patience," said the president in a statement read for him by the defence minister.

After a meeting at the truce village of Pan mun Jom today between North and South Korean Red Cross officials, a southern delegate charged that last Wednesday's incident hampered efforts by his side to break a deadlock in negotiations with the north.

The two only agreed on a date for another meeting on October 19.

The South Korean delegate said that after the Wednesday incident North Korea had ordered its forces into full combat readiness instead of acting to ease tension.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the two U.S. officers killed on Wednesday in Pannunjon were flown to Seoul.

The two, together with a South Korean officer and seven U.S. and Korean soldiers, were escorting the bodies of the two American officers

South Koreans in a United Nations command work party at Panmunjom.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, the United States, Japan, Britain and West Germany were among a group of countries who proposed today that the U.N. General Assembly back a resumption of reunification talks between two Korean states.

The proposal was contained in a draft resolution and a memorandum submitted for the agenda of the assembly which opens on September 21.

The draft would have the assembly call on the two Koreas to resume promptly their dialogue in order to achieve by negotiation the settlement of their outstanding problems.

Another resolution submitted Monday by 21 communist and third world countries would demand that the assembly demand an end to "all acts of foreign military involvement and aggression against Korea."

These countries also demand the immediate withdrawal of American nuclear weapons from South Korea and the dissolution of U.N. command on the peninsula.

If previous practice is followed, the assembly will debate separate resolutions under the general heading of "the Korean question."

South Korea hailed the Western-backed draft resolution as "realistic and constructive."

Churches burn in latest South African violence

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Aug. 20, (R). — Two churches were set ablaze today in black township around Port Elizabeth, on S. Africa's east coast, as Africans turned to more arson in bloody violence which has cost 33 lives in three days.

A Roman Catholic church was badly damaged after blacks put petrol-soaked rags in the vestry and set fire to them.

A nearby Methodist church was also set on fire but police quickly put out the flames.

The escalation of arson came after South Africa's Minister for Justice, Police and Prisons, Mr. James Kruger, last night blamed black power ideology imported from the United States for the black unrest here, and warned that the whites would overcome it.

Mr. Kruger told a laughing audience near Johannesburg: "He (the black man) knows his place and, if not, I'll tell him his place."

Demonstrators have already burned schools, shops and beer halls in the sprawling townships round Port Elizabeth. They stoned four factories in a white industrial area yesterday, before turning to the churches today.

Despite the fires, police said three townships of New Brighton, Kwazakale and Zwile were relatively quiet today with no more major clashes with riot police.

Not all the 33 dead Africans were shot by the police, according to police spokesman Brigadier D. J. Kriel. He said some had died from knife wounds, probably after fights with other Africans, and others had been run down by motor vehicles.

In an attempt to stem the wave of black protest against white-ruled South Africa's race policies which originally erupted in Johannesburg's Soweto township in June, police have arrested most militant black leaders.

According to unofficial sources, the arrest of 12 blacks in Durban yesterday brought the number of African leaders detained in the past two weeks to 76.

Police have also arrested some 2,000 blacks in the troubled townships on charges ranging from public violence to sabotage.

In the Transkei region, 350 km northeast of Port Elizabeth, 266 black high school students were arrested yesterday after they staged a sit-in at a school hall in the village of Lady Frere.

Earlier, 500 blacks had marched through the village and set fire to a government car.

At the hall, the students demanded to speak to a local cabinet member but were ejected from the building by the police and then arrested.

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Timely reminder

A noteworthy feature of the non-aligned nations' summit in Sri Lanka is the blend of political and economic emphasis embodied in the final declaration approved by the 85 participating nations. It shows where the bulk of the world's developing nations place most of their concern, and the declaration is a sober and relatively subdued echo of the Third World's growing desire for meaningful economic cooperation with industrialised nations.

It is significant that the non-aligned movement has called an oil embargo against Israel and France, who have supplied South Africa with arms and nuclear reactors, the significance lying mainly in the use of an economic weapon to make a political point. The embargo call is unlikely to be translated into much, because the non-aligned movement is not a cohesive one with clear, immediate common interests. There is, to be sure, a convergence of long-term interests among the non-aligned states in the sense that they will all benefit from a cohesive and self-reliant posture in their dealings in the industrial world. For example, the emergence of new self-controlled financial institutions, such as a commercial bank or a reserve currency, as suggested by Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranaike, or practical progress towards a professional, international non-aligned news agency pool, will be real signs of substantive success for the non-aligned nations.

In the short term, however, it is difficult to see how such diverse members of the non-aligned movement as Cuba and the Arab League, to pick only a random pairing, would find it useful to join forces in an oil embargo against France. National interests in this case are in conflict, and it is here that the real test of the non-aligned movement comes into clear focus.

Thus we are not very hopeful of seeing the oil embargo against France or Israel applied, and, we quietly suspect, there are most members of the summit who voted for the embargo at Colombo this week. It is proper, however, that the non-aligned states make it clear to people like the leaders in Israel and France that closer ties with South Africa will draw fire from most of the rest of the world. It is proper to seek to isolate those nations that in any manner aid the disgusting wrong of inhumanity that is South Africa.

The concept of non-alignment is waging an uphill struggle for survival in the world today. We feel that it will do best when it seeks to transform the impetus of political non-alignment into the practical nationalistic economic dignity and international realism that has emerged as the rallying cry of the Third World. It is a good thing that the Colombo summit has largely avoided the bitter rhetoric that is normally associated with such gatherings, and has continued to focus attention on the need to promote the "new international economic order" which has been at the centre of the global dialogue of the past few years.

It is timely to keep in mind that this dialogue was sparked by the OPEC decision to raise oil prices sharply in 1973 and the OPEC oil embargo that followed the 1973 October War in the Middle East. Then, as now, the developing nations have been able to prod an inattentive world by using the economic weapons at one's disposal. It is appropriate this week that the non-aligned movement has reiterated its willingness to undertake these weapons when necessary, and a positive development that this has been coupled with more calls for progress working out new and more equitable relationships between the world's developed and developing nations. We hope that the tenor of the Colombo summit is not lost to the leaders of the industrial world.

Queen Alya visits Damascus Int'l Fair

DAMASCUS, JNA. — Her Majesty Queen Alya and Mrs. Hafez Assad visited Friday the Jordanian and Syrian pavilions at Damascus International Fair.

They were accompanied by the wives of Jordanian and Syrian prominent figures.

Later Mrs. Assad held a grand luncheon in honour of Her Majesty the Queen and the accompanying delegation. The luncheon was attended by Syrian dignitaries.

Al Aqsa arson attempt is remembered today

AMMAN, (JNA). — Seven years ago, on August 21, 1969, a criminal act took place against Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, with the intention by the Israeli occupation authorities of burning the holy site and eventually destroying it.

The plot failed after Arab citizens rushed to save the mosque, despite the arrests of Arabs which were carried out by the Israelis.

On this tragic occasion, one remembers the heroic stand of the citizens and the martyrs who have fallen to defend this Islamic shrine in the face of Israeli oppressive measures.

On the occasion, the Ministry of Waqf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places Friday issued a statement calling upon all the Arab and Moslem nations to continue their struggle to liberate their sacred shrine from the Zionist occupation.

The statement also urged all Arab and Moslem countries to overlook their differences and lay down a constructive plan to defend Al Aqsa and other holy places in the Islamic world.

This date should not be forgotten by Arab and Islamic nations, since it constitutes a slap in the face to their dignity and honour, the statement added.

"The attempted burning of Al Aqsa should remind the whole world of the real Zionist policy in the occupied Arab territories," the statement said.

Such policies disregard the cultural and social heritage of the Arab people, it said.

The statement further commended the steadfastness of the Arabs in the occupied territories and called on all Moslems to continue their struggle and not to despair before the Israeli occupation measures.

Arab Press Commentary

As a sidelight in the current visit to Amman of the Mayor of Hebron at the head of a Hebron municipal delegation representing the West Bank municipal councils, Al Dustour said Friday that after nine years of struggle against the enemy's dark occupation, the people of the West Bank came to talk frankly to the Arab nation and in place before it its real tremendous responsibilities, if the Arab nation is really concerned that the West Bank remain Arab!

The Hebron delegation held talks with Arab ambassadors and nationals in Amman, and in fact with the Arab peoples, so that the Arabs who live outside the walls of occupation may play a role that goes beyond hopes and talk, in support of their compatriots within the walls. Al Dustour says. Reminding us that Jordan had always given every possible help to the West Bankers, the paper says it is time that all the Arabs everywhere should take part in supporting the inhabitants of the occupied areas, especially as their available aid possibilities are among the biggest in the world.

The paper points out that the West Bankers did not come over to beg... Enough for them that their steadfastness, the unity of their collective action, their awareness and persistence — unlike the differences splitting the Arabs of the free regions — have kept alive the flame that lights the road to the future.

"Now, how are the Arabs going to respond to this appeal? Would they realise that money, abundant as it is, is the least that they can offer? And would they understand that by giving their help, they would be preserving their dignity and pride, before relieving the West Bankers of their hardships?" Al Dustour asks.

Al Shaab editorially commends the Jordanian Government's nomination of Mr. Abdul Mun'im Rifai, member of the Upper House of Parliament, for the post of secretary general of the Arab League that will become vacant after the completion of the term of office of the present Secretary General Mahmoud Riad of Egypt.

Al Shaab thinks the Government's decision was taken after a thorough & wide-ranging study of Arab League conditions, in the light of its vast and cumbersome responsibilities and the need for strenuous efforts to develop the League's functions and efficiency as one of the most important world organisations.

The Government of Jordan has chosen the right man for the right job, taking into consideration Mr. Rifai's long political career as an experienced statesman, having served as prime minister, foreign minister and chief Jordanian delegate at the United Nations, the paper notes.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

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U.K. sterling	591.0	597.0
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Swiss franc	134.0	134.4
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19.00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai	17.30 Cairo
	18.20 Frankfurt, Athens
	20.50 London (BA)

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir:

Many of us who watch the 10 o'clock evening news on channel 6 must recognise a welcome change in the editing, sequence construction and format of the English-language news. Unfortunately, eq-

ually noticeable is the deterioration in the quality of announcers and newscasters.

I am not talking about appearances. It is the pronunciation (or mispronunciation) of the English language that is becoming intolerable, and at times insulting to the listener and viewer.

It is sheer torture to Jordanian ears, and one shudders to think how it falls on the ears of English-speaking listeners. If Jordan Television argues that such talented Jordanians are unavailable (an argument I cannot accept), then English-speaking announcers and newscasters should be employed, chauvinism be damned.

Haitum Gossous
Amman.

National Brief

● AMMAN. — The Minister of Waqf, Islamic Affairs, and Holy Places Kamel Al Sharif Thursday received Professor of Islamic thoughts at the Moroccan Al Quara-wiyyin University Omar Bahaud-dine Al Amiry and the United Kingdom ambassador to Jordan.

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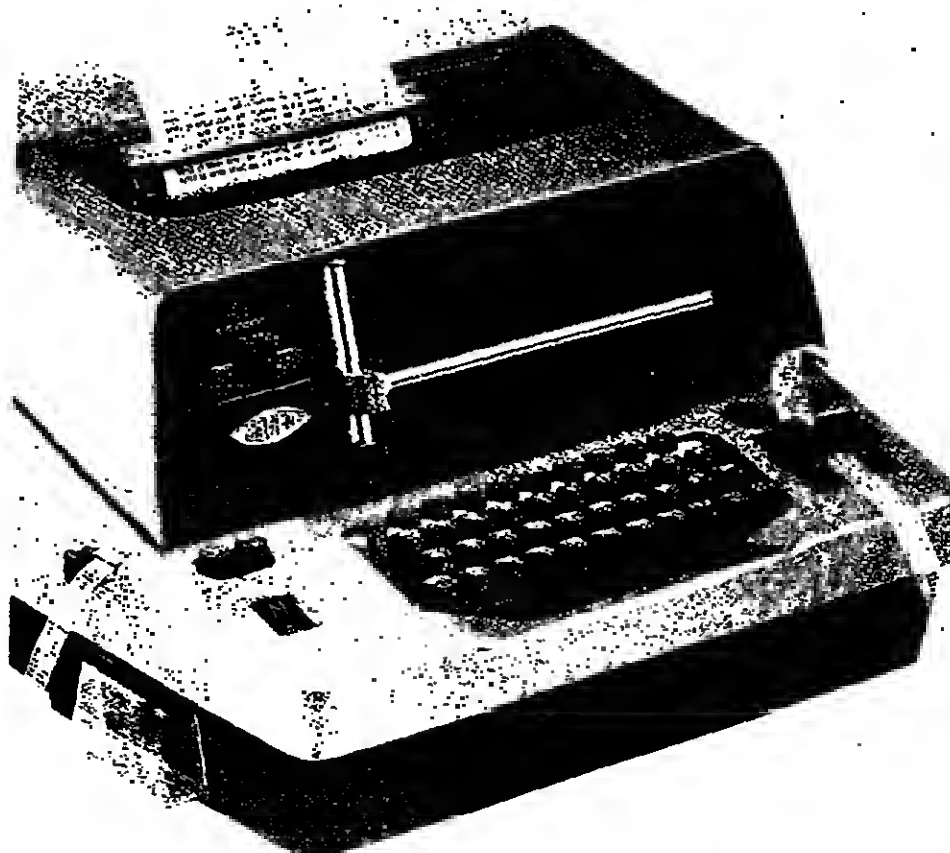
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Nigerian military authorities achieve another milestone on way back to civilian rule

Lagos, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The Nigerian Federal Military Government yesterday announced plans for local government council elections next November and December, passing another landmark on the road back to civilian rule by 1979.

With barely one year gone by since the late General Murtala Muhammed came to power in July 1975, the new military government has completed almost half of the five-point programme it set itself to return Nigeria to democratic rule.

The Constitution Drafting Committee, which was instructed to submit its draft by the end of last month, is reported to have finished its work already.

The final targets remaining in the programme presented by the late head of state on October 15 last year are the appointment of a constituent assembly to approve the constitution, the lifting of the ban on politics, elections at state and federal level and, finally, the long-awaited return to barracks.

Yesterday's announcement of local government reforms by armed forces Chief of Staff Brigadier Shehu Yar'adua suggested that the government is well ahead of its schedule.

Brigadier Yar'adua noted that the reforms which will be sufficiently flexible to satisfy all the different regional requirements in this complex west African state represented "a milestone in the political history of this country."

To achieve stability at national level, "a firm foundation for a national government at local level is imperative," the chief of staff said.

"Under the new system many of the significant functions previously performed by state (military) governments will devolve by law to local governments. The crux of these reforms is that henceforth, a new tier of government primarily devoted to development at the local level will be established."

Brigadier Yar'adua said that the reforms were the result of widespread consultation between state governments, traditional rulers and "a large section of knowledgeable people."

"Unlike our previous experience, these are not reforms imposed by government from above. What the Federal Military Government has attempted to achieve is uniformity of purpose and not a uniform local government system. The reforms are sufficiently flexible to accommodate all shades of characteristics and local requirements."

By October 1979, the Nigerian states will have promulgated local government bills embodying electoral regulations, and electoral registers will be completed, he said.

He said the draft of the eight states had opted for direct elections while the remainder had chosen indirect elections. But whichever method was selected, nothing would be by secret ballot.

States which had opted for indirect elections would hold their primaries on November 30. The run-off would be held on December 23, which would also be the polling date for direct elections.

Warning that the government would not tolerate attempts to interfere with the reform, Brigadier Yar'adua said:

"As you all know, the reform of local government is a crucial element in the political programme of this administration. It is intended that through these reforms an appropriate climate will be created for a smooth and orderly implementation of the other related items in the political programme."

In fact, since February's attempted coup and the assassination of General Muhammad, the government has already achieved many of its objectives. These included the creation of new states at the beginning of the year, the apparently successful operations of the all-civilian constitution drafting committee, a vigorous anti-corruption campaign and a pledge to review the country's laws.

Extra-terrestrial beings tell us to make love not war, says woman

TORINO, Italy, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Extra-terrestrial beings who visit the earth regularly have invited humanity to make love not war, according to a local woman in her 80s, who says she is in touch with them.

The woman, Germana Grosso, claims that the aliens have maintained telepathic contact with her for nearly 20 years, and that she has filled several thousand pages with accounts of their messages.

They maintain two bases, one under the Gobi desert, in Mongolia, the other under the Bermuda islands, off the southeast coast of the United States, she declares.

The existence of the Bermuda base explains the high rate of boat disappearances and aircraft accidents over the Bermuda "Triangle," she affirms.

To prove her claims, Mrs. Grosso notes that the extra-terrestrials warned her on July 10 that the earth would soon be shaken by a succession of quakes.

Mrs. Grosso, who admits the public was sceptical several years ago when she made initial disclosure of contact with the aliens, said the spacemen prevailed on her to try again, since the fate of Man hangs in the balance.

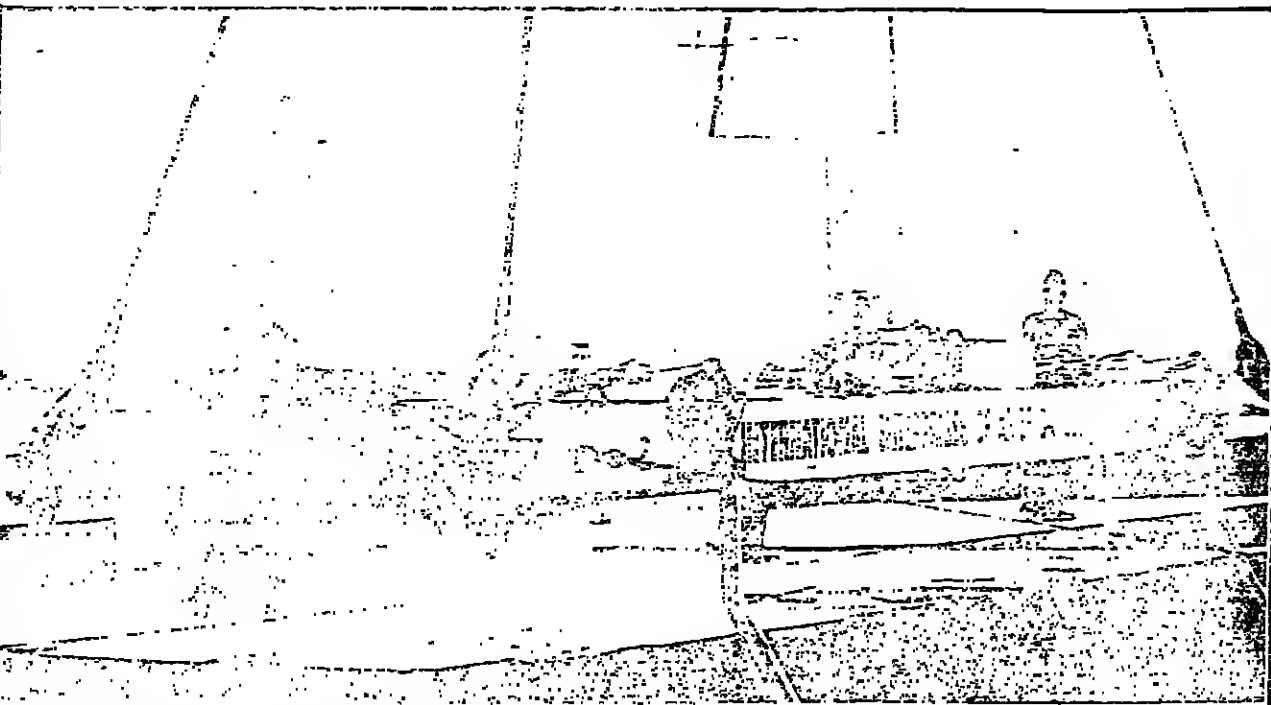
Soviets are avid readers of foreign newspapers

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Soviet socialist countries are in the USSR of The Times, International Herald Tribune, and other major foreign newspapers have increased in recent months, according to the Soviet Vice-Minister of Telecommunications, Daniel Mangeldin.

In an interview published by TASS news agency Wednesday, he said the Soviet Union was importing 335 periodicals from capitalist and developing countries, with a total circulation of 345,000.

Referring to "the success of the more newspaper-reading European summit at Helsinki" just over a year ago — which called for a free flow of people and ideas — Mr. Mangeldin said the Soviet Union was now importing more periodicals from the foreign press, now printing more than one million copies in each edition.

He said the distribution in the Soviet Union of newspapers from other socialist countries was far ahead of that from the rest of the world — three million copies are sold in the USSR of other newspapers. "Hundreds of thousands of readers" could read them, he said, adding that the Soviet Union was now importing 335 periodicals from capitalist and developing countries, with a total circulation of 345,000.



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Philippine's other quakes

MANILA, Aug. 20, (AFP) — according to accounts written by Spanish colonisers.

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Jordan stresses need for preservation of folklore at Mexico conference

By Lina Gress
Special to the Jordan Times

At a recent conference in Mexico on the preservation of folkloric crafts, Jordan's delegate stressed for the first time the necessity of preventing one country adopting the folklore of another.

Mrs. Samia Nadim Zaru made this reference to folklore in the occupied West Bank territories at the conference on "The role of museums in craft preservation and development."

Samia, herself a painter, sculptor and avid promoter of the traditional arts, was the official delegate of the Jordan Craft Council to the conference which was organised by the World Craft Council.

Being the only Arab delegate among 1200 members from 68 countries, Samia described the Mexico conference as a good place for exchanging ideas and information as well as learning new techniques from craftsmen,

"but always keeping in mind that our traditional crafts should remain intact."

Conference debates

Among the issues brought up by Samia at the conference was the necessity of having an encyclopaedia compiled by the World Craft Council on the history, adaptation and technique of every original craft pertaining to a particular country.

She vehemently stressed: "it will stop any other country from exhibiting our traditional crafts as their own under their own name."

What Samia implied was the transfer of the identity of crafts in the occupied West Bank.

Such a statement has been voiced by an Arab delegate for the first time but the conference president avoided the issue, stating that the World Craft Council has no means of preserving copyright.

Debates took place on the danger of mass production for craftsmanship. With industrialisation, the craft may lose much of its value and traditional character, Samia explained.

In her determination to save the arts, Samia appealed in an open address to the conference to individuals, the World Craft Council, and governments, including her own, to prevent the arbitrary transfer of museum pieces to foreign countries.

She said: "Our museums have little left, since most of the au-

thentic pieces of art have been transferred to other museums of the world as part of their private collections with hardly any mention of the country from which they were taken; and what we actually have in our museums are just a few replicas."

She assiduously continued: "Before we give our museums the role of craft preservation and development, we should retrieve our antiques and crafts and make our people live their heritage and tradition."

"The responsibility lies on the government to take an active part in claiming its valuable art collections and returning them to where they belong."

Samia's point of view was widely acclaimed at the conference, and her remarks in conjunction with statements made by other delegates precipitated several resolutions.

The World Craft Council decided to help all museums to regain their valuable crafts.

In another recommendation, the Council is to ask UNESCO to consider crafts area a cultural activity.

If such a resolution is adopted by UNESCO, it will encourage individual museums to apply to UNESCO for financial aid and thus be able to perpetuate the cultural heritage of their country. It will also encourage crafts councils in various countries to turn to UNESCO for help in their research programmes, Samia stressed.

Fashion show

In her firm belief that "absorption of tradition gives new strength to create the new", Samia turned to the design of modern costumes inspired by the old traditional ones.

She took six modern folkloric costumes and several traditional ones to Mexico and organised a fashion show for the international audience present at the conference.

Such initiative and innovative ideas in fashion adaptation together with the colourful traditional costumes made headlines in foreign newspapers.

Samia told the conferees that "craft is something that should grow like a child; we must know it, feel it and represent it in a modern functional way without losing out identity".

In an answer to Samia, one of the African delegates said: "Art is in the head and craft is in the hand," and he stressed that a great similarity exists among certain countries in such fields as embroidery and basket weaving.

Craft village planned

As part of her mission, Samia informed the conference that the Jordan Craft Council is planning to establish a craft village where every craft in Jordan, and the occupied areas, will be represented.

In addition, the Council will establish a research centre for crafts as well as a crafts training school to prevent the dying out of traditional crafts.

These projects were considered by the World Craft Council to be considerable achievements for the Jordan Craft Council.

Evaluation

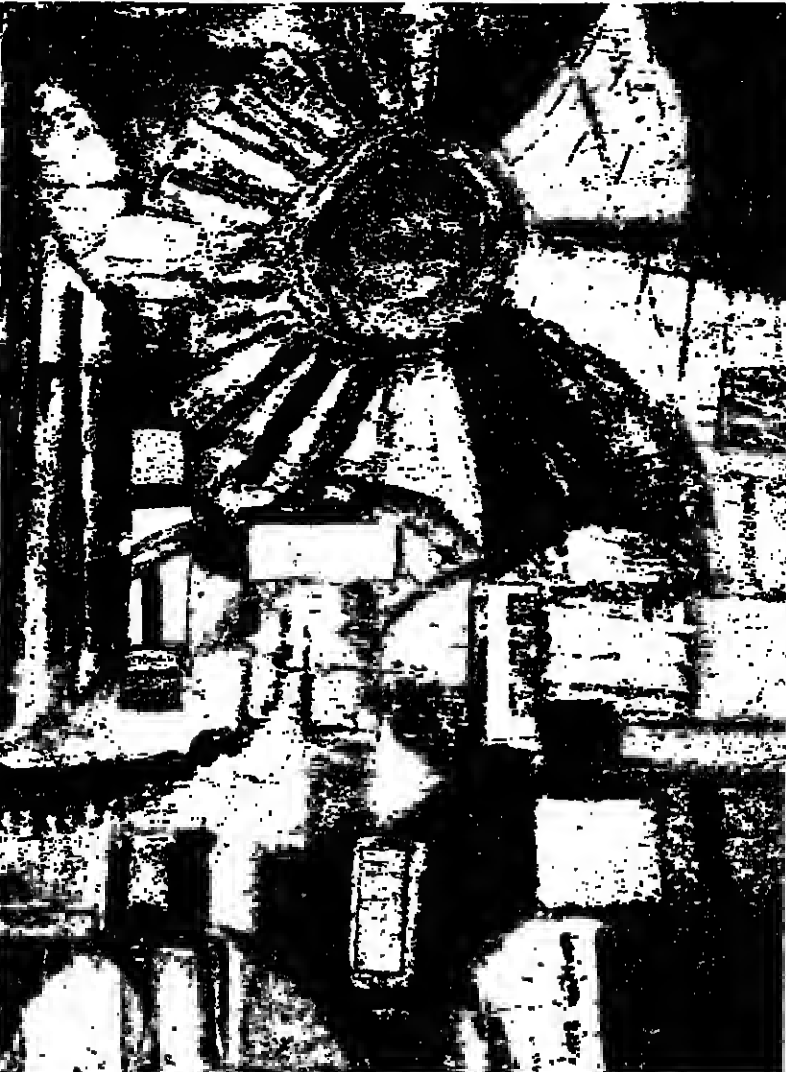
The craft exhibitions and work shops, organised with the help of the Mexican government and the departments of industrial, commercial and crafts promotion, helped to enlighten the crafts movement.

But from a sensitive critical eye, Samia thought the conference over emphasised the technical and mechanical side of crafts at the expense of human feeling, and hence neglected to evaluate the fine new concepts presented by the craftsmen.

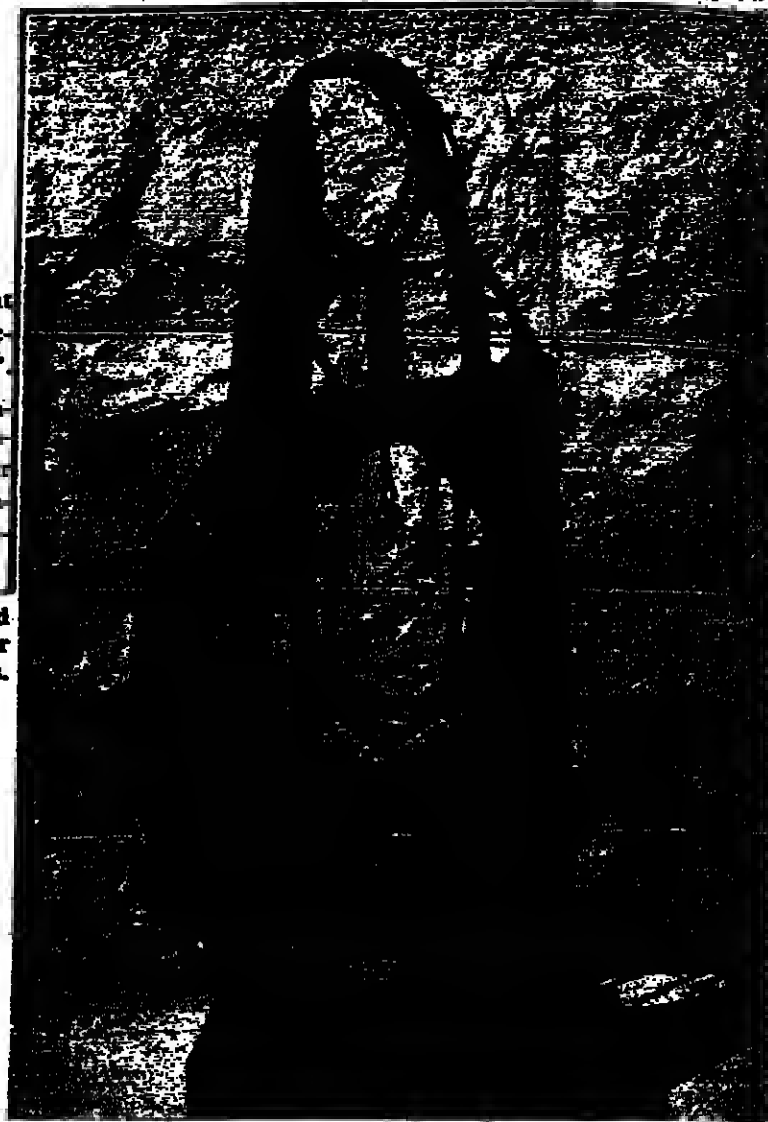
In conclusion, Samia said that the most important thing she accomplished was "representation".

"The presence of Jordan at international conferences, is essential for putting to the world our point of view. Lack of representation in the past has been a general Arab drawback."

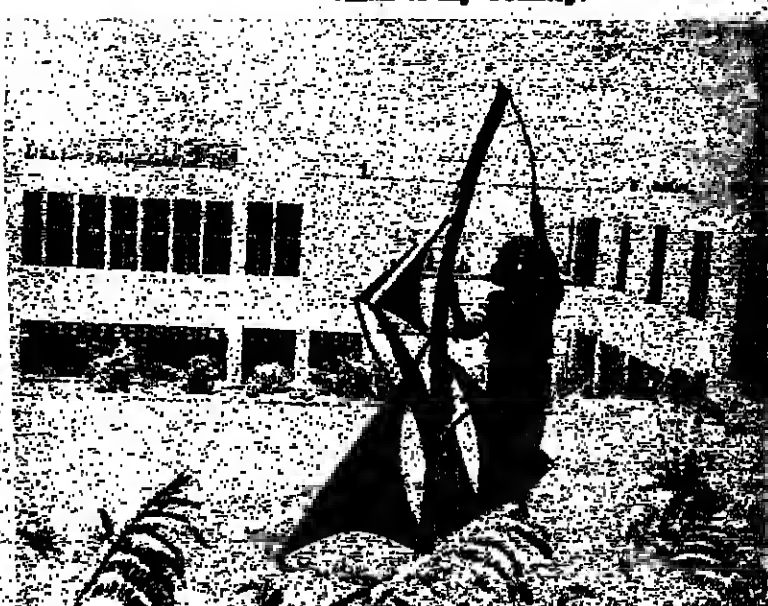
Mrs. Samia Nadim Zaru is currently exhibiting several sculptures and paintings in London as part of the "Contemporary Art Exhibition for the World of Islam." We reproduce here a selection of these works.



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U.N. official: Rhodesia attacked zambique refugee camp, not guerrillas

A. Aug. 20, (R). — A U.N. official reported from a camp today that he saw graves in a camp attacked by Rhodesian troops earlier this month, a U.N. spokesman said.

Hugo Idoyaga, representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, told UNHCR headquarters by telephone that the camp housed refugees and guerrillas as the Rhodesian forces have said.

Idoyaga spokesman quoted Idoyaga as saying the camp was of three settlements in the area for Rhodesian refugees supported by his U.N.

Idoyaga visited the camp 15 days ago and found it almost completely destroyed. He said he saw 10 mass graves, which men, women, and children were buried, and he also saw wounded refugees.

Idoyaga told Mr. Idoyaga that he had seen a hundred more wounded, a spokesman said.

Idoyaga a Uruguayan, pre-visited the camp on May 1975, reported then that it was for refugees and that he saw no sign of military activity, a spokesman said.

Rhodesia announced last week that it had crossed the Mozambique border in pursuit of guerrillas, but attacked a base and not a refugee camp.

Rhodesians said more than 300 guerrillas and about 30 Mozambique soldiers were killed in the attack.

Official Mozambique news said on Tuesday that Rhodesians had killed at least 100 in the attack and that it was a refugee camp.

News agency added that staff believed the total killed was at least 800 and each 1,000.

UNHCR spokesman said the camp was attacked by Rhodesian troops. It was situated near the Mozambique border, where it housed about 8,000 refugees.

J.N. agency had been carrying a total of 26,000 refugees from Rhodesia in the three Mozambique camps.

Idoyaga spokesman said Mr. Idoyaga reported that most of the camp was destroyed, leaving only a few huts in the camp.

Idoyaga's spokesman said "I cannot think of a more contaminated area to be sprayed."

A. Aug. 20, (R). — Airplane start next week spraying area of olive oil and water in Italian district contaminated by poisonous chemicals, a company said today.

Mixture will speed up the in which the poison is spread by sunlight, said Givaudan, the Swiss parent company of the chemical factory at 15 miles (25 kms) north of, from which the poison was spread.

Idoyaga said trials of the antidote given satisfactory results in northern Alps.

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LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market drifted easier Friday on lack of interest on the last of the account, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 370.6.

Government stocks were little changed, with one or two longer loans fractionally easier. Equity leaders mostly gave up 2 or 3 points.

The last 2p to 4p while banks were off the bottom with net falls to around 2p.

Mining shares rallied slightly after earlier falls prompted by the gold bullion price, and one or two issues recovered to near high levels. Australians continued firm where changed.

Oil reversed an early fall. Unlever continued easier after its fall on Wednesday, losing a further 4p. House of Fraser closed up on the day.

Shares of 2p to 4p were seen in ICI, Hawker, BAT, Fisons and Glaxo and Tubes both recovered earlier similar losses.

had asked the UNHCR to resettle the refugees and it was seeking food, clothing, blankets, and cooking utensils, for them.

The UNHCR spokesman said Mr. Idoyaga had sent a written report to Geneva which was expected to arrive later today.

Mr. Idoyaga had not made a "body count," the spokesman told a questioner.

Asked whether Mr. Idoyaga had indicated whether guerrillas at any time had used the camp, the spokesman said, "I did not ask him."

Rhodesia claims it killed guerrillas, not refugees

SALISBURY, Aug. 20, (AFP). — The Rhodesian Government today denied claims that its forces attacked a refugee camp in Mozambique earlier this month, asserting that it had "irrefutable" evidence that the camp housed black nationalist guerrillas.

The denial came in a government statement saying Rhodesia had no need to justify action against guerrillas threatening her security.

"However, allegations against the honour of her fighting men cannot be allowed to pass unanswered," the statement said.

Ford, Carter to debate on TV

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Mr. Ford will undoubtedly defend himself on his record of leading a national economic recovery. Mr. Carter is expected to attack him for allowing unemployment to climb.

U.S. may veto Vietnam U.N. entry

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 20, (Agencies). — Newly-united Vietnam today applied for membership of the United Nations.

The applications of the separate Vietnamese states were twice vetoed by the United States a year ago when the Security Council refused to take up at the same time the candidacy of South Korea.

It was not known immediately whether the U.S. would block Vietnam again.

An application for membership must be asked by the Security Council before the General Assembly, which opens on September 31, may vote a state into the world body.

The only application approved so far this year is that of the Indian Ocean island group of the Seychelles, which obtained independence.

Angola has applied, but was vetoed by the United States, which questioned whether it was a truly independent state.

The application, came in a letter from Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

The Vietnamese Premier said his country undertook to accept and respect the provisions of the U.N. charter and asked Mr. Waldheim to convene the Security Council to consider Vietnamese membership. The Security Council is responsible for ruling on the admission of new member nations.

The increase in tension in Korea could be an element in U.S. thinking about the Vietnamese candidacy, diplomatic observers said.

South Korea is expected to renew its own application and try to have this considered by the Security Council.

If the Council again refused to put a South Korean application on its agenda, or if it fails to obtain Council approval then the U.S. could be expected to block the Vietnamese application, diplomatic observers said.

Churches burn in S. Africa

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An opposition Member of Parliament, Mrs. Helen Suzman, has condemned the arrests of black leaders.

She said: "Simply to arrest people who are accepted as leaders of the black communities throughout the republic is the last way to defuse a dangerous situation."

"South Africa is slowly but surely slipping into the morass of a police state with scarcely a ripple," she added.

But Mr. Kruger took a different approach in his remarks last night at Frankfurt, near Johannesburg.

He said: "They (the blacks) always say 'we shall overcome,' but I say: 'we shall overcome.'"

The government would give the black man better housing and facilities but blacks "must not look to foreign ideologies," he said.

Mr. Kruger claimed the unrest in the townships originated in ideas from the United States which had had much more impact on youth in South Africa than previous ideologies. The new ideology "is more romantic, a sort of black nazism," the minister said.

Moves to halt Lebanese violence at an impasse

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Cairo earlier this week for talks with League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riaz on new moves to try and bring peace to Lebanon.

After 18 months of war, no political formula has yet been found which appears likely to satisfy the various fighting groups.

With the Arab League initiative at a standstill for the moment, observers felt the next move might come from Syria, apparently the only side involved in the conflict with the power to impose its will on the Lebanese factions.

In a recorded French radio interview broadcast today from Paris, Mr. Chamoun said that only unarmed Palestinians would be allowed in Lebanon.



NAMING RUNNING MATE — President Ford stands before the Republican National Convention in Kansas City after nominating his running mate, Senator Robert Dole, (behind the president). (AP wire-photo).

In the Philippines Relief work continues in quake-stricken Mindanao

MANILA, Aug. 20, (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos today toured areas of the southern Philippines devastated by an earthquake, and said food and shelter were needed for 90,000 people made homeless by the disaster.

As the president flew to the stricken south, where up to 5,000 people may have died, a mild earthquake was felt in Manila. But it appeared to be unconnected with the earthquake to the south, where more than 80 after-shocks have occurred since Tuesday.

Mr. Marcos ordered five million dollars to be provided immediately for victims of the disaster. The money is in addition to 3.5 million dollars the government is using to provide medical treatment for the injured.

The quake — the worst natural disaster in a country used to being ill-treated by the elements — left at least 5,000 dead or missing on the island of Mindanao but President Marcos stressed that the number one priority was to care for the living.

Thousands of fishermen saw their livelihoods disappear overnight with coastal villages wiped out and 3,000 small boats smashed by the tidal waves which followed the quake.

In the forefront of the relief effort were troops, who for the last four years had been engaged in putting down insurgency in the south by Moslem separatists.

Obviously aware of the religious tensions in the region President Marcos told local officials in the stricken region: "Your Christian brothers are much grieved by the tragedy."

Stormy weather slowed down relief work and there was concern over water supplies in some areas.

The British Royal Air Force tonight flew water purifying equipment from Hong Kong and aid is coming in from several countries including Australia, the United States, Japan, British and China.

Non-aligned call for anti-racist sanctions

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Feasibility studies would also be made on the two Sri Lankan suggestions — for an international currency backed by the resources of the developing nations and a multi-national commercial bank of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Officials said one of the bank's main functions would be to channel to developing countries some of the billions of dollars earned by the oil price increases.

In another development, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania signed a proposal here to take their dispute over the Western Sahara to an extraordinary summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

They accepted the proposal after the Non-Aligned Nations Summit, which ended here early today, failed to produce a consensus on the issue.

Conference sources said yesterday Arab countries had agreed to shelve the Western Sahara and other outstanding issues after host Prime Minister Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike said the conference must finish on time.

The Egyptian delegation played a major part in getting the three countries in the Sahara dispute to sign the proposal to attend the O.A.U. summit, likely to be held in Addis Ababa next month.

Algeria backs the Polisario independence movement, which is calling for the withdrawal of Moroccan and Mauritanian forces from the phosphate-rich desert area.

The leaders of non-aligned countries also endorsed the decision taken at a New Delhi conference last month to set up a pool of their national news agencies.

At the start there will be 40 agencies in the pool. Sources here said the coordinating committee, which was to have had 14 members under the chairmanship of India, would now be increased to 15 bringing in Tunisia, which played a coordinating role in preparatory meetings.

France irked by non-aligned call for oil embargo

PARIS, Aug. 20, (R). — French officials today dismissed as unjustified and "senseless bluff" a call by the Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Colombo for an oil embargo against France for supplying arms to South Africa.

Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues said the move went against steps taken largely at France's initiative aimed at making international political and economic relations fairer.

"It appears difficult to imagine that the oil-producing states could carry out a recommendation that is so without justification and so manifestly in opposition to the actions undertaken, largely at France's initiative," he said.

A senior government official described the Colombo recommendation as "either incredible political blackmail or senseless bluff."

He added: "Of course, you can never tell. It would be a nuisance if the threat were ever carried out. But we don't believe such an embargo could be effective. We'll manage, anyway."

Oil industry executives said an embargo could not be totally effective because Iran, not a member of the non-aligned conference, was one of France's chief suppliers. "And I am only naming one oil supplier," one executive said.

Both government and industry realise that the situation could be awkward.

The French do not expect immediate help from their industrial partners. France does not belong to the 20-nation International Energy Agency, set up shortly after the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The agency, led by the U.S., has an oil-sharing plan in case of an emergency.

The French government, considering a friend of the Arab world because of its attitude towards Israel, was not affected by the 1973 oil embargo.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing ordered his government to stay out of the international energy agency to avoid a confrontation with the oil producers.

France also promoted a conference between rich and poor nations on oil and other economic issues.

France consumes more than 120 million tonnes of oil a year, most of it imported from the Middle East and Africa.

It has more than 30 million tonnes of oil, or three months reserves, permanently available in underground depots. To this must be added a further month's supplies in tankers at sea making for French ports.

M. Sauvagnargues reacted to the Colombo statement by saying France condemned unreservedly South Africa's policy of apartheid, and was devoting all its efforts to ensure that the principle of racial equality was accepted in Southern Africa.

"The sale of arms to South Africa, which involved only equipment for external defence, has been stopped," he said.

President Giscard d'Estaing announced a year ago that France was stopping the sale to South Africa of "ground weapons and continental aircraft" that could be used in anti-guerrilla warfare. The ban did not apply to submarines and coastal defence vessels.

The newspaper Le Monde today described the Colombo move as a serious warning to France.

"There is nothing to indicate the resolution adopted by the Colombo conference will have concrete results shortly," it wrote.

"The warning to Paris is nonetheless serious. Even though the text was adopted without a vote, as frequently happens at the end of an exhausting oratorical marathon, it is significant that no friendly power, far from publicly opposing the move, even attempted to discreetly set it aside in committee sessions as has been the case in previous summit conferences."

Le Monde said that despite France's partial arms embargo, it remained the South African government's main supplier of arms.

Ibrahim returns from Colombo

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Hassan Ibrahim returned here this afternoon after attending the Non-Aligned Summit Conference which ended in Colombo last night.

Mr. Ibrahim who headed the Jordanian delegation to the Foreign Ministers meeting told reporters at Amman airport that the resolutions taken by the summit regarding the Palestinian question and the Middle East crisis reflected the wishes and aspirations of the Arab nations.

He added that the conference took other resolutions on various subjects which indicated the solidarity within the Non-Aligned movement.

Mr. Ibrahim was received at Amman airport by Mr. Fawwaz Abu Al Ghanam the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and other officials.

Israel fears embargo issue at U.N.

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Israel's other main source of oil is Iran, and Israeli leaders have been encouraged by past statements by the Shah that he will sell oil to anyone who will buy it.

Officials also noted that Iran is not a member of the non-aligned bloc and the hope here is that Iran would not support a U.N.-imposed oil blockade of Israel either.

The feeling was that the Afro-Asian bloc and its supporters would follow up the Colombo action with a similar campaign at the U.N. and Israel is believed to be in contact with a number of friendly nations over the issue.

Israel has been drilling extensively for oil in the desert and offshore — so far without making any major finds.

Portugal applies for European Council membership

STRASBOURG, Aug. 20, (AFP). — Portugal has applied to join the 18-member Council of Europe, it was officially announced here today.

Portuguese foreign minister Jose de Meredios Ferreira in a letter to council Secretary-General George Kahn-Ackermann said that Portugal's democratic institutions enshrined in the constitution were now fully effective.

"I think that the presence of Portugal at the heart of European institutions will stress the importance that my government attaches to the existence of a strong, united, and democratic Europe," he said.

If the council's committee of foreign ministers accepts that Portugal has the necessary democratic institutions it will consult the parliamentary assembly and then invite Portugal to become the organisation's 19th member.

Both the committee and the assembly have encouraged Portugal to move towards a democratic regime.

Three weeks ago Portuguese Premier Mario Soares said that entry into the council would be one of the prime foreign policy aims of his government.

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